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Illinois State Senate Redistricting Committee Senator Omar Aquino, Chair Senator Jason Barickman, Minority Spokesman

Illinois State House Redistricting Committee Representative Elizabeth Henrandez, Chair Representative Tim Butler, Minority Spokesman

The Illinois Redistricting maps recently released by both the House and Senate Redistricting Committees create a great concern to me for the fairness and quality of representation for the residents of McDonough County. The fact that the plan splits McDonough County and the County seat, Macomb, into two different Legislative Districts puts an unfair burden on our residents. Our County residents would be better served by a single Legislative District.

As Chair, of the McDonough County Board, I would respectfully ask the Committees to reconsider and make McDonough County whole by placing it entirely within one District. We are the only square county in the State of Illinois. I believe it's only right since the founding fathers of our state made McDonough County's boundaries square the Redistricting Committees do so as well.

It is my hope that the Redistricting Committees can see the benefit of keeping McDonough square and wholly within one Legislative District.

Sincerely,

L. Scott Schwerer

McDonough County Chair

cc: Senator Jill Tracy

Representative Norine Hammond

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